



IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 on page 11 and claims 2-5 on page 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) [A toothbrush] An article assembly comprising:

a) an [elongated handle including:] article having  
a receivable end.

[i) a first end;

ii) a second end;

iii) a first and second side; and

iv) a bristle head being positioned  
on said first end and extending  
from said first side.]

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and

b) a stand in the shape of first and second feet,  
each of said first and second feet being elongated  
to define a toe end and together a common heel end,  
said first and second feet being joined together and  
positioned together to form a continuous bottom  
supporting surface, said heel end of each of said first  
and second feet being positioned together to form  
a single heel portion, said single heel portion  
including a recess extending through a top side  
thereof and towards a sole thereof for selectively  
receiving said [second] receivable end of said  
[handle] article therein, thereby retaining said  
[handle] article [in a vertical position] when said  
stand is placed on a horizontal surface, said first  
and second feet each including a side surface, said  
side surfaces intersecting one another in a common  
plain.

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2. (Amended) The [toothbrush] article assembly as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a base connected to a bottom side of said stand.

3. (Amended) The [toothbrush] article assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein said base includes a recess extending therethrough and in alignment with said recess in said stand for additionally receiving said [second] receivable end of said [handle] article therein.

4. (Amended) The [toothbrush] article assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said toe end of said first and second feet are at an acute angle to one another.

5. (Amended) [A toothbrush] An article assembly comprising:

a) an [elongated handle including:] article having a receivable end.

[i) a first end;

ii) a second end;

iii) a first and second side; and

iv) a bristle head being positioned on said first end and extending from said first side.]

and

b) a stand in the shape of first and second feet and including a base on which said first and second feet are mounted, said first and second feet and said base each including a recess for receiving said [second] receivable end of said [handle] article therein, thereby retaining said [handle] article [in a vertical position] when said stand and said base are placed on a horizontal surface.

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Please add claims 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 as follows:

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6. An article assembly comprising:

A stand in the shape of first and second feet, each of said first and second feet being elongated to define a toe end and together a common heel end, said first and second feet being joined together and positioned together to form a continuous bottom supporting surface, said heel end of each of said first and second feet being positioned together to form a single heel portion, said single heel portion including a recess extending through a top side thereof and towards a sole thereof, said first and second feet including a side surface, said side surfaces intersecting one another in a common plain.

7. The article assembly as claimed in claim <sup>6</sup>~~5~~, further comprising a base connected to a bottom side of said stand.

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8. The article assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein said base includes a recess extending therethrough and in alignment with said stand.

9. The article assembly as claimed in claim <sup>8</sup>~~7~~, wherein said toe end of said first and second feet are at an acute angle to one another.

10. An article assembly comprising:

A stand in the shape of first and second feet and including a base on which said first and second feet are mounted, said first and second feet and said base each including a recess.

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